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## About the Cover

We have used for the cover of this issue a group of photographs taken by Leo Mower at the training seminar held January 9, 1988 at National Headquarters.

Upper left photo shows Pres. Everett Call at the podium. Pres.-elect Morris Bennion is seated on the left, and Past Pres. Wallace Bates is seated on the right.

On the upper right of the cover George Labrum appears as the ghost in the Seven Dwarf Skit. Center photo shows the large audience in attendance at the seminar. A good attendance was one of the successful features of the seminar.

Lower left depicts the Seven Dwarfs whose messages told us what we have to do to carry out this year's theme of "United we will excel in '88." And lower right is Marge Christiansen, author of and one of the players in the skit.

More Details on pages 10-11

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## SUP Chapters Participate in "Food for the Needy" Drive

Dr. Lowell Bennion of the Salt Lake Community Service Council, headed a drive in December to collect food for the area needy. The food markets in this area participated by permitting food boxes to be placed at the entrance to these markets. These locations were manned by many SUP members who donated their services through their respective chapters. SUP member Clyde Reaveley was in charge of the SUP participation. Many chapters from Salt Lake, Ogden, Logan and Brigham City participated. They did an outstanding job, according to Reaveley.

Volunteers, standing by the collection boxes, would encourage patrons of the markets to buy an extra item or two as a gift to the needy. These extra items of food were then dropped in the collection boxes. At the end of the day these boxes were picked up and delivered to the Community Service Center, and by them distributed to the needy. According to Reaveley, more than twenty tons of food was made available to those in need.

The service of SUP chapters and members in this drive was of a type you may expect from the Sons of Utah Pioneers in the future, as we increase our participation in Community Service projects. Through community service our chapters will be strengthened, and our ancestors will be further memorialized.

Members of the Twin Peaks Chapter contributed to this drive in an unusual way. During the fall of last year they picked apples from the orchard of a charitable neighbor. As a result of this voluntary effort over a ton of golden apples were contributed to the food drive. Members and their wives contributed more than 400 hours of labor that produced twenty-four quilts which were added to the drive. At the suggestion of chapter officers, members brought non-perishable goods to regular monthly meetings. In this manner over 200 pounds of food was added to the food drive.



## President's Message

### United WE Will Excel in '88

A matter of increasing importance has been brought very forcefully to my attention during the past month.

The Executive Committee and Executive Board have been under great pressure to get the National Society on a firm financial footing. At the time the recent membership decision was made, it appeared to be the most economical way for the members to provide the necessary funds to meet current pressing obligations and look forward to a more permanent solution to future financial problems.

The sudden loss of cash flow when we had to stop renting the National Headquarters Building to members and the general public, is still a real problem.

I have received many telephone calls, letters and personal pleas to do something to maintain our organization as nearly intact as possible and keep on your rolls many who have been faithful members on an annual basis for years. I have made this problem a matter of consideration study, meditation and prayer, proposed certain actions to our governing bodies, and received their approval to take the following action.

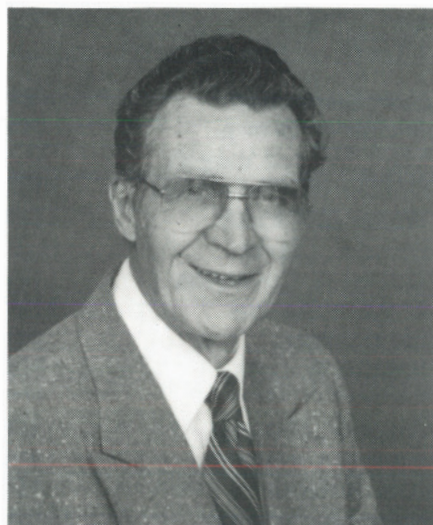
#### **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

Regular membership dues are reinstated immediately at \$30.00 per year.

The Life Membership amendment will stay as at present of a single payment of \$150.00 or \$50.00 per year for 3 consecutive years. This may be increased at a later date. Chapter Treasurer - please make sure you specify when sending money in what program the member is paying on.

Please continue to build membership and participation. If each of us would enlist one person this year we could possibly reduce the dues.

In our S.U.P. organization we have (1) unlimited opportunities for service, (2) great responsibilities for achieving what no one can do alone, and (3) the "vehicle" by which



united effort can help us do things that outlives (our) mortal life.

We have inherited innumerable blessings.

What can we leave for our descendants?

Let us memorialize our pioneers. Everyone in every chapter should challenge themselves to memorialize at least one person this year.

May we continue to be involved in community service. We have done well in

(1) Gathering food for the poor, as part of the Lowell Bennion Community Service program.

(2) Entertained over 300 Chinese students from the University of Utah, and friends from India studying at the Utah State University, as part of our co-sponsoring effort with the International Cultural Exchange foundation; (no cost to S.U.P. except use of building).

(3) Help honor the Utah Rangers and the Painting by Lynn Faucett that was commissioned by Pete Harmon who donated the picture to the Sons of Utah Pioneers. Also cards of the Ute Rangers picture were donated to the S.U.P. Helen Harker coordinated this activity. Many thanks for these contributions.

(4) Continuing our sponsorship of entries in the Days of '47, third largest parade in America!

(5) Cooperating with the D.U.P. and Mormon Battalion, and Utah Historical Society.

(6) Involved with histories of towns, of people, of events, pioneer stories, activities to help people, and many other things, such as our Pioneer Village at Lagoon, the Railroad Museum at Heber City,

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and very importantly, to know and appreciate our family, neighbors and friends, here and now.

Let us rededicate ourselves to greater chapter activity. We can solve every problem. We are pioneering today to make a better world for tomorrow as our ancestors did for us. May we unite and grow so that we leave a legacy, and our pioneer ancestors will be remembered.

Please know that I greatly appreciate your suggestions and support. You are sacrificing time and money to make our organization the "Best in the World."

A special thanks to Morris Bennion and all who helped with the wonderful Seminar for the leaders.

May you join with us at St. Johns, Arizona, August 4, 5, & 6, 1988 for a memorable Encampment. **UNITED WE WILL EXCEL IN '88.**

*Everett H. Call*  
National President

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#768 Evan & Venice Perkins	Sie
#769 Lee & Ellen Vanhille	OlyH
#770 Lyle & Susan Odendahl	OlyH
#771 Dan & Maureen Egan	OlyH
#772 John & Louise Labrum	TB
#773 Ferrell & Leila Stewart	SC
#774 Lisle & Afton Eddington	SH
#775 Woodrow & Julia Terry	CR
#776 Isaac & Della Duffin	Mills

## Number of Tiles Purchased To Date by Chapters

East Mill Creek	104
Holladay	64
Temple Quarry	46
EMC Mills	46
Sugarhouse	42
Beehive	40
Mesa	40
Twin Peaks	36
Box Elder	28
Salt Lake City	26
Brigham Young	26
Olympus Hills	26
Little Colorado River	22
South Davis	21
At Large Members	19
Settlement Canyon	19
Temple Fork	16
Ogden Pioneer	15
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## New Members

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Randall H. Gray	Hol
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## New Life Members

No.	Name	Chapter
1547	Bert L. Christensen	BE
1548	Von R. Curtis	BE
1549	Dean B. Freeman	BE
1550	Spencer R. Reeder	BE
1551	Floyd E. Duncan	AL
1552	Waldo Hirschi	HV
1553	Glen Stratton	HV
1554	Robert Reeve	HV
1555	Irving K. Rasband	SH
1556	Victor Lambert Eldredge	TB
1557	Reed Bullen	TF
1558	Don H. Van Dam	AL
1559	Robert A. Bailey	PH
1560	Quinton Palmer	PH
1561	Frank B. Carruth	OgPi
1562	Neldon H. Braithwaite	OgPi
1563	Melvin J. Harrison	SD
1564	Weldon Jensen	SD
1565	V. Vee Reynolds	SD
1566	Walter W. Willey	SD
1567	Melvin N. Carlile	TMV
1568	Daryl Shumway	TMV
1569	Ray L. Peterson	TMV
1570	Theo C. Daybell	TMV
1571	Cyril Jensen	TP
1572	Sterling E. Bench	BY
1573	N. LaVerl Christensen	BY
1574	G. M. Christiansen	BY
1575	Lee C. Knell	BY
1576	Arden S. Payne	BY
1577	Eugene Robertson	BY
1578	Clarence S. Thornock	BY
1579	Leigh Kilpack	Mur

1580 Vaughn Soffe	Mur
1581 John W. Barratt	EMC
1582 J. Keith Hayes	BY
1583 Howard Lehman	TB
1584 D. L. Riding	HV
1585 Dale T. Browning	OgPi
1586 Doren B. Boyce	OgPi
1587 Dan E. Heap	LCR
1588 Gordon B. Wood	HV
1589 Thayne C. Smith	RR
1590 Claud M. Glazier	RR
1591 Norman B. Cram	RR
1592 Lewis Arndt	RR
1593 Kenyon Little	RR
1594 Grant M. Burbridge	Hol
1595 Willard G. Erickson	Hol
1596 Sherman C. Warburton	SC
1597 Mark D. Van Wagoner	Hol
1598 Dale E. Hardy	SC
1599 Clemont B. Adams	CeCi
1600 Paul D. Donaldson	GL
1601 Alva Matheson	CeCi
1602 Ray W. Kartchner	SH
1603 Earl J. Pace	EMC
1604 Lewis Noble Tenney, Sr.	ME
1605 Chester C. Dean	SC
1606 Glendon DeMille	HV
1607 Carlton A. Hinton	HV
1608 Woodrow Jepson	HV
1609 Elsworth Flanigan	CeCi
1610 Vaughn Glenn Bills	BH
1611 Ferrel H. Ensign	Sie
1612 Arvel Braegger	TF
1613 Charles Wayne Hartle	CR
1614 William Hyrum Buys	AL
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Back row: Randy Gray, Richard Gray, Howard Gray, Mark Burgess. Front row: Sheila Gray, Claudine Gray, Rebecca Gray Burgess. Not present: Leann Gray.

## “Gray” Family has “Bright” Future

by Leo Mower

Howard M. Gray, Jr., National Treasurer and a member of the Holladay Chapter, and his wife, Claudine, had two problems facing them. They felt that these both needed to be resolved.

First, they were out of ideas as to what would be an appropriate gift for their married children and spouses for Christmas. Second, they were concerned about the future of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers with regards to membership, and especially membership from the ranks of the younger generations. After much discussion and deliberation, they came up with a solution that could possibly solve both problems at the same time. They also came up with a plan which they are now in the process of implementing.

Advantage was taken of the new three-year plan for life membership in the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. They paid the first \$50.00 payment for their sons, Randall and Richard, and for their son-in-law, Mark. They also paid for their membership in the Holladay Chapter for 1988. They next made coupons for each of the wives, LeAnne, Sheila, and Rebecca, entitling each of them to paid dinners at meetings of the Holladay Chapter. There were sufficient coupons for several evenings for each of them and their husbands.

Howard and Claudine will repeat this process at Christmas time for



New officers of Brigham Young SUP Chapter at Provo. Seated L to R: Jay H. Smith, Earl Finlayson, Pres. Ramon B. Wilson, Pres.-elect Harold R. Laycock, V. Pres. D. Eccles Cameron, Earl J. Glade, Jr., Leland F. Priday. Standing: N. LaVerl Christensen, Richard W. Owens, Paul B. Pixton, Lee C. Knell, Elliott S. Budge, David R. Lyon and John F. Jones.

the next two years. At the beginning of the final year, the three members will receive their life membership certificates and pins, and their names will be memorialized by being permanently engraved on the life membership plaque.

The three wives have already planned which meetings they plan on attending together as a family. Howard and Claudine are now looking forward to those evenings when the eight of them will be together around a table with beautiful decorations, delicious food, a great program, and in the company of other choice men and women who make up the National Society of the Utah Pioneers.

This plan is underway and is working for the Gray family. Their married children are very pleased with the situation and what it may mean to them in the future. Perhaps it would also work for other families, either as Howard and Claudine have it set up, or with modifications to meet a particular situation. Why not think about it, work out the details, and then begin the plan next Christmas? To get started sooner, you could perhaps adapt it to a wedding anniversary or to upcoming birthdays. It is something that could have a positive effect on your family for generations to come.

Chapter Presidents please note: This idea is not copyrighted. Please copy!

## Brigham Young Chapter Reports Election Results

The new President, Dr. Ramon Wilson, is Professor Emeritus of Purdue University. He was a former Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

President Wilson appointed a full corps of committees, and set some high goals for his Chapter in 1988. He reminded the membership that the Brigham Young Chapter was selected as one of the outstanding chapters in the National organization at its 1987 Encampment at Logan. He has set equally high goals for 1988.

LaVerl Christensen  
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GRANT EKINS and his wife, LORENE, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary at a pre-Christmas dinner hosted by their children. He is a Past President of the Brigham Young Chapter.





Pictured here are the living sons of JAMES PETER OLSEN, who crossed the plains with the Stoddart Handcart Company, at the age of 9. From left to right they are: Lloyd R. Olsen, age 76; Cleon Olsen, age 75; James I. Olsen, age 71; John M. Olsen, age 69; and V. Grant Olsen, age 65.

Son, JOHN M. OLSEN, now living in Provo, recently joined the Sons of Utah Pioneers. He has memorialized his pioneer parents by having their names added to the pioneer plaque at National SUP Headquarters. He has also filed with the National Library a very interesting biography of his pioneer ancestor, JAMES PETER OLSEN.

It should be noted that the men pictured here are all first generation sons of their pioneer father, James Peter Olsen. It is a very unusual circumstance to have five, first generation sons still living. What a wonderful heritage. What a great gain for SUP to have this worthy son become a member.

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# Profile: Christian Tschantz-Temple Groundkeeper

by Donald F. Kraack

The lives of many people have been filled with interesting, colorful, and unbelievable events. Because they were lacking in the sensational and spectacular of which celebrities are made, the windows to their lives are shuttered until reopened by those who find them exciting, or worthy of recognition. Unlike the famous or infamous bad-man, statesman, inventor, explorer, etc. they received little, or no publicity. With the exception of those immediately around and close to them, they lived and died in comparative obscurity.

So it was with Christian Tschantz. No list of colorful characters in the, then, small southern community of St. George, Utah, would be complete without his inclusion. "Chris," as he was popularly called was born in Switzerland, November 18, 1859, and brought to St. George as a convert to the L.D.S. faith.

A more inoffensive, hard-working, sincere and well-meaning man never lived. With him came his seemingly strange ways, manners and customs of the "Old World," and, as is usually the situation with someone who is misunderstood, he was constantly the butt of many jokes, much teasing and joviality by some of the town residents.

The St. George L.D.S. Temple, dedicated by Brigham Young in 1877, and the first Mormon Temple completed in the West, has always been known for the exquisitely landscaped grounds. Chris, erudite and skillful in the culture of Flora, was soon positioned as full-time ground-keeper under the supervision of George Brooks Jr; Chris' employment was life-long and he took much pride in his work.

In Janis Force DeMille's Book, "The St. George Temple, First 100 Years," she wrote: "Christie Shants [as she calls him - page 136] kept the fires going. Fifty to a hundred cords of wood, which was hauled from Diamond Valley and the West Mountains, was stored on the lot

across the street. Christie hauled wood, a wheelbarrow at a time, across the street to the Temple."

Chris never married, to my knowledge, but lived in a small, well-kept home, probably wishing to be independent from anyone's care. He learned to become very proficient in taking care of himself.

Although, Chris lived alone, he was never thought of as a hermit or recluse. Hardly any farmer (including this author) on horseback, or on a wagon, going to his farm, ever passed by the Temple without Chris coming out of the grounds to greet him and pass the time of day.

Chris' one great passion, or I may say obsession, was his deep fascination with railroad trains. It was reputed that at one time he rode a bicycle 90 miles over deep-rutted, sandy and badly-kept roads to Lund, Utah (which was, then, the nearest or most accessible railhead), just to watch the trains. He never tired of describing them, inside and out, to townspeople in a somewhat childlike manner. This, in spite of the fact that whoever he was talking to, had seen trains many times before.

Chris was most frugal, seldom spending on 'niceities' or luxuries for himself. He wanted to leave something behind to be remembered by when he died. He equipped a laboratory in the Science Building of Dixie College, paying for it all himself.

The crowning glory of his entire life was when he saw his name engraved upon a brass plate attached to the door of the room. He was nobody's fool, though, his eagerly-sought endowment was accepted by a school that was struggling, financially, through a severe depression.

After many years of dedication and loyalty to his adopted Country, Church and occupation, Christian Tschantz passed away January 21, 1944 at the age of 84 years. He was laid to rest in the St. George City Cemetery.



Dan Allred, Jack Goodwin and Earl Olsen

## Twin Peaks Chapter Install 1988 Officers during Gala Evening

1988 officers of the Twin Peaks Chapter shown in the photograph above are Dan Allred, Past President; Jack Goodwin, President; and Earl Olsen, President-elect. These officers were installed in an interesting December meeting. Special music was arranged for the meeting, and member A. Lamont Nielsen was the speaker. He presented stories and incidents from his own life, and concluded his remarks with a solo rendition of the hymn "I'll go where you want me to go."

The speaker has had an interesting life. As one item he pointed out that the year he graduated from the University of Utah the new Chapter President, Jack Goodwin was but an infant of two years.

The meeting hall was decorated for the occasion and special music was provided by Mike Clapier and his guitar. At the conclusion of this dinner meeting many members exclaimed their expression of delight for the delicious food served, the enjoyable entertainment presented and the inspiring address by Brother Nielsen.

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### **Elder Hartman Rector Addresses Lehi Chapter Honoring the Mormon Battalion**

The Lehi Chapter honored the descendants of the Mormon Battalion in their February 3rd meeting. They selected Elder Hartman Rector, a member of the First Quorum of Seventy of the LDS Church as

speaker for the occasion. The meeting began with the posting of colors by members of the Mormon Battalion, and all descendants of the Battalion were invited to attend. Tickets for the event were sold with proceeds going to assist with paying of Life Membership for some members of the chapter.

The success and popularity of the event were demonstrated by the attendance of over 400 persons. As part of the program, Dick Jacobs, of the LDS Missionary Department, presented a film on the Battalion, loaned by the San Diego Visitors Center.

The Lehi Chapter once before used this method of raising funds for Life Memberships, when last year they held a similar Special Meeting honoring Porter Rockwell, a former Lehi resident. His great great grandson, John Rockwell was the speaker, and talked about his famous ancestor, who was bodyguard to Joseph Smith. He became a legendary figure in early Utah and is the subject of several biographies.

### **Cedar City Chapter Enjoys "Bread and Milk" Supper, Elects Officers for 1988**

The Cedar Chapter, Sons of Utah Pioneers, and their wives held their Annual "Bread and Milk" Supper and election of officers for 1988, at the Sugar Loaf Cafe December 12, 1987.

A program consisted of remarks by Pres. Roy P. Urie, and Pres.-elect Richard N. Kimball followed by group singing under the direction of Howard Wood. Many old time favorites were sung.

Foyer Olsen, V.P. Southern Utah attended the meeting. Elected officers for 1988 are as follows: Vurge Smith, President; Merrill Terry, 1st Vice President; Carson Sprague, 2nd Vice President; Board members: Frank Cooley, Doug Webb, Wayne Jackson, Jack Crosby; and Loran Hirschi, Secretary and Treasurer.



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## **"Let's All Go!" SUP Encampment at St. Johns, Arizona August 4, 5 & 6, 1988**

Final registration information for the Encampment is not yet available, but we would like to provide information concerning available accommodations in and around St. Johns.

The following overnight lodging and RV facilities are available for participants in the annual SUP Encampment to be held in St. Johns, Arizona, August 4, 5, 6, 1988:

### **RV Parking**

There are 75 places for RV parking on the parking lot at the High School which is the site of most of the encampment activities. The High School is also making their gymnasium shower and bathroom facilities available starting Thursday, August 4. For information contact Fernard Whiting (602) 337-4767. Cost - \$3.00/night.

The City of St. Johns has 30 RV full service hookups at their local fairground facilities. Contact St. Johns City Hall (602) 337-4517. Cost - \$5.00/night.

Lyman Lake State Park, located nine miles south of St. Johns on

Highway 180/666 has 27 RV hookups with shower and bathroom facilities. Unfortunately it is on a first-come, first-served basis. Cost - \$6.00/night for Arizona resident and \$7.00/night for non-Arizona resident. (602) 337-4441.

KOA Campground, located twenty-eight miles south of St. Johns on Highway 180/666 on the outskirts of Springerville, Arizona has 65 hookups. The cost is \$15.12/night for full services and \$12.96/night for no services. They need reservations in advance. Ray Bull, operator (602) 333-4632.

Concho Valley Trailer Park, located eighteen miles southwest of St. Johns, on Highway 61 and next to the Concho Valley Country Club and Golf Course has hookups for 20 RV's at \$7.00/night. Call Rex Bennett (602) 337-4695.

### **Motels**

**In St. Johns:** St. Johns, Trailriders Inn - 40 rooms. Nassar Mousavizadeh, owner. (602) 337-2990. Prices range from \$27.03 to \$43.99.

St. Johns, Whiting Brothers Motel - 20 rooms. Scott Litchfield, operator. (602) 337-2990. Prices range from \$25.73 to \$39.38.

St. Johns, Elm Motel - 10 rooms. Keith Udall, owner. (602) 337-2082. Prices range from \$21.00 to \$29.00.

**In Concho Valley, 18 miles southwest of St. Johns:** Concho Valley Motel - 7 rooms. Rex Bennett, operator. (602) 337-4695. Prices range from \$23.32 to \$37.10.

**In Springerville, 30 miles south of St. Johns:** Whiting Brothers Motel - 42 rooms. Gail Keim, operator. (602) 333-2655. Prices range from \$26.46 to \$38.34.

Springerville Inn - 55 rooms. Mr. Kay, operator. (602) 333-4365. Prices range from \$32.40 to \$41.05.

El Joe Motel - 36 rooms. Bonnie Burk, operator. (602) 333-4314 or 4133. Prices range from \$28.08 to \$41.72.

**In Show Low, 46 miles southwest of St. Johns on Highway 61:** Whiting Brothers Motel with 30 rooms. Dewain Binnie, operator. (602) 537-7694. Prices range from \$37.50 to \$40.50.

Some motels have offered a discount for SUP members. When making reservations, please indicate you are with this group.

A number of local people are opening their homes to SUP members coming for the Encampment. If you would like to stay at a private home, and make a contribution to the St. Johns Chapter for this consideration, please write to Mr. Ted Raban, P.O. Box 771, St. Johns, Arizona 85936.

## **Sec.-Treasurer of Fort Union Chapter Celebrates Important Milestone**



Oliver C. Carlsen, the Secretary-Treasurer of the Fort Union Chapter, on January 11, 1988, celebrated his 80th birthday. The occasion was noted at a recent meeting of the Chapter when the entire membership joined in wishing Oliver a happy birthday. His life has been filled with service: First as a conductor and foreman for the Union Pacific Railroad, shop foreman for the Henry Day Ford Co., and plant engineer for the Holy Cross Hospital. In later years he served as a crosswalk guard and a Murray City Reserve Police Officer.

Still serving, in addition to his position with SUP, he is a Counselor in the Sunday School Presidency and an active High Priest.

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# Chinese-American Cultural Exchange

by Leo L. Mower, Historian

For the past several months plans have been in the making for a Chinese-American cultural exchange evening program to be held in the National Headquarters of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. This is to be sponsored by the International Cultural Exchange Foundation, the University of Utah Student Stake Mission Presidents, and the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. After much planning and work by many people, the program was held on Saturday evening, January 2, 1988 at 6:00 p.m.

Invited to be in attendance were all Chinese students attending the University of Utah and their families, all professors at the University involved with these students and their partners, University of Utah Stake Mission Presidents and partners, National Board members of the Sons of Utah Pioneers and partners, and a number of very special people who were involved with the Chinese students at the University or with the cultural exchange wherever it may be.



The evening began with a buffet and socializing in the large, lower level ballroom of the National SUP Headquarters. It was during this time that everyone really had the opportunity of getting acquainted with one another and with the many varieties of Chinese food being served. The Chinese students, most of them graduate students in the field of medicine at the University of Utah, were very friendly and extremely talkative. They all seemed to enjoy demonstrating their excellence in the use of the English language, as they talked about Utah, the University, and their homeland.

The students are from the Republic of China, Hong Kong, or Taiwan. They are an intellectual group of individuals consisting of impressive young men and admirable young ladies. Upon completion of their medical studies they will all return, each to his or her homeland, to pursue their professions. As they leave hopefully there will be others of like caliber to replace them.

It was very much a pleasure to talk with the Chinese students, with their professors, and with the other very special individuals in attendance. Of special note was the



presence of Val Rasmussen and his wife from Utah State University in Logan. With them were three students from India who were also members of a cultural exchange program. They are presently studying in the Graduate School at USU. They were a welcome addition to the group.



At 8:00 p.m. the 250 or more individuals in attendance assembled in the Heritage Hall for a prepared



program. On the stand were Macoy A. McMurray, Master of Ceremonies; Jay Welch, a previous conductor of the Tabernacle Choir; Everett Call, president of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers; and Wallace W. Bates, immediate past president.

Letters were read from Governor Norman H. Bangerter and from Mayor Palmer DePaulis endorsing the exchange program and expressing regrets that they could not be in attendance because of previous commitments.

Wallace W. Bates gave the introductory talk. He did a commendable job of explaining the purposes and the many activities of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. He implies that a comparison existed between the preservation of the heritage of the pioneers in Utah Territory and that of Chinese heritage preservation.



During the course of the program, beautiful vocal and instrumental musical numbers were presented by the Chinese. In return,



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Julie Gaisford, a senior at East High School in Salt Lake City, played two delightful solos on the harp.

Other speakers were Milton Weilenman and Dr. Richard Lindsay. Mr. Weilenman discussed the purposes of a cultural exchange program and of the benefits of getting together, as we were doing that evening. He indicated that about one in every four people in the world is Chinese. In the past the world has moved around them. Only recently have the Chinese been invited to our shores to study in our universities and to gain an understanding of our culture. "Much of our future may lie in the Chinese area of the world," he said.

Dr. Richard Lindsay, of the Public Relations Dept. of the LDS Church, spoke of the time he has spent in China getting to know the

people who live there. He and his family have served there and in many other parts of the world. He talked about genealogy and our ancestors, both here and in China. His son-in-law, a Chinese-American now serving in China with his family, can trace his family back 39 generations.

Dr. Robert Starr Waite, sponsor of the new Great Basin National Park, and of the University of Utah faculty, gave a slide presentation on Utah and on the Republic of China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong. He indicated that the presentation was to help us get better acquainted with one another and with the places in which we and they live.

Group singing in both English and Chinese, followed by the giving of several door prizes and still more socializing, concluded a very memorable evening. Upon leaving, a present was given to each of the members of the cultural exchange program.

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## Utah State Division of Parks & Recreation Seeks Volunteers for Historic Project

The Sons of Utah Pioneers have received at their National Headquarters a letter from Patricia Smith, Curator of Education for the State Division of Parks and Recreation, which, in part, reads as follows: *Old Deseret, in Pioneer Trail State Park, is a recreated pioneer town dedicated to preserving and interpreting Utah's heritage. This folklike museum is at the mouth of Emigration Canyon by "This is the Place" Monument.*

*We are recruiting volunteers in preparation for the 1988 summer season. Much of our past success is due to reliable and talented volunteers who have donated their time to the park.*

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## Temple Quarry Has Active Interesting Chapter Meetings

One of the most active chapters in all of the National organization of the Sons of Utah Pioneers, The Temple Quarry Chapter continues in 1988 to demonstrate their activity and their dedication to good meetings and interesting activities.

Their January meeting featured a potluck dinner. The program that followed the dinner included short personal histories by two prominent members, Reed Anderson and Reed Newbold. All members of the Chapter have been requested to prepare short personal histories for the Chapter records.

The January program was presented by Perry and Pauline Greenwood. He is a retired National Guard Commander. He has been Mission President in Rapid City, South Dakota, where he became very familiar with the Indian Culture. Hosts of the meeting were Mr. and Mrs. Glen Greenwood.

The February meeting was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Gene Newbold, Mr. and Mrs. LaRue Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Donnic Priano, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ostler. Susan Olson entertained with a delightful musical program.

The Chapter has a project for the needy. They request members to bring a can of suitable food. At proper times this collection is then distributed to needy persons.

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## SUP Conducts Successful Training Seminar

Under the chairmanship of President-elect Morris Bennion and under the banner "United WE will excel in 1988," the National Officers of SUP staged their annual seminar for new officers at the National Headquarters Building on January 9, 1988.

Following a social hour at 12:30 p.m., the program commenced promptly at 1:30. Chairman Bennion introduced the National Officers and presented the annual slogan: "United WE can excel in 1988!" Then followed a fast-moving program that was a little different from previous years, in that all participants sat in the same room and listened to the same information.

Highlight of the program was a skit-presentation authored by Marge Christiansen and put on by the Bennion-Taylorsville Chapter. The Seven Dwarfs demonstrated very well the SUP programs of Memorialization, Tile, Pioneer Village, Life Membership--all of which were related suitably to the annual theme.

Officers discussed the topics of finances, manual keeping, office procedures, memorialization, trails and landmarks, history books, and other appropriate subjects such as achievements, gifts, legacies, chapter enthusiasm, days of 47, and encampment. Yet there was time enough to entertain questions from

the audience.

At exactly 5:00 p.m. everyone met upstairs in the banquet hall to enjoy the beautifully decorated tables, so appropriately arranged by Lois Allred and Helen Quist, assisted by others of the Twin Peaks Chapter. Dinner was served at 5:10 p.m. Timing was important because many in attendance had come from great distances and had to travel home that evening.

To conclude a perfect day the seminar was addressed by Ron Frandsin. He spoke on the "ABCs of Leadership: achievement, believing and consistency." His capable and inspiring address fit in well with the program which preceded it, and seemed an integral part of the entire theme of the seminar.

At the conclusion, the chairman expressed satisfaction with the way the program had been developed. Many in attendance expressed their pleasure with the dinner, the subjects taught, and with the entire program.



Anne Call & Betty Murdock serving refreshments.



Wallace W. Bates, immediate Past President, reporting his year of accomplishments.



Morris Bennion, President-Elect, representing new officers beginning their positions of leadership in 1988. MC Leon Christiansen making the introductions.



Marge Christiansen, author of skit introducing "The Cast".



# CEL IN 1988



"7 Dwarfs" receiving instruction in importance of Name Memorialization. Spirit of Great Grandfather comes to sleeping SUP member to ask why he has been forgotten on the Name Memorialization Galley Plaque.



Members and wives attending Seminar Banquet.



Ron Frandsen, guest speaker, instructing members on the "ABC's of Leadership".



Frances H. B. Hanson



George Hanson

## The Long Road West

by Florence C. Youngberg

Frances Hiley Booth was born June 9, 1833 in Pedemoor Hall, near the village of Minworth in England. Her father's family had lived there for 200 years. It was a large estate, known as a ring-fenced farm because of the double mote. No one seems to know exactly why it was built that way. Frances described it as a lovely, peaceful place filled with much happiness. Her father had a beautiful voice and played the violin very well so their home was always filled with music and people and social life.

The Booth family were all members of the Church of England, staunch and true to its ideals. It was with much fear and anxiety of the consequences that she listened to the Elders of a new church called the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and became convinced to the point of baptism that this was the true church and that it contained what she had been looking for. When she returned home after being baptized, and told her family what she had done, she was told by her father that she had brought disgrace to her family and friends and that she was no longer welcome in their home. That night she slept in a field and then went on to her aunt's home in another village where she was permitted to live until she got married.

She married George Hanson, a good looking, fine man who was also a member of the Church. He was a gunsmith who did well at the time because of the Crimean War which was then being fought. They had difficulties because of the antagonism of the people when it was discovered that they belonged to the "Mormon" Church. Eventually they were forced to make a decision about moving to the Valley. They knew the Church was true so when Brigham Young suggested that some of the people cross the plains with



handcarts, they decided to join the group. They were young and only had one child, a baby girl. They felt they were in good health and capable of such a journey.

Frances said, "It is useless for me to attempt to describe my feelings upon leaving all that were near and dear to me. Only my husband, who was filled with the spirit of the gospel and the work which he had undertaken and our dear daughter, Clara, gave me the strength." They left England March 23, 1856 on the ship *Enoch Train* along with 534 other saints. Her husband was very ill for about two weeks but finely regained his health before reaching Boston on May 1st. They went from Boston to the Iowa campground by railroad where they were delayed for six weeks waiting for the completion of the carts. Edmond Ellsworth was to be their leader. While in Iowa, her husband, George, worked for a farmer who tried to persuade him to not go but to stay over and work for him, but George and Frances had a goal and a dream and nothing was to stop them until they reached the Saints in the Valley.

Their little daughter developed whooping cough before leaving Iowa and they were told that she probably would not live to reach the Valley, but faith and the power of the priesthood convinced them to go ahead. Little Clara not only got well, but lived to raise a fine family.

They had to leave their luggage in Iowa with the promise that it would be delivered later in the fall to the Valley. During the time it was left out before finally being delivered nearly a year later, the inclement weather took its toll and much luggage was lost or destroyed. They were allowed to take 15 lbs. luggage for each person. This was to include clothing, bedding, cooking utensils and food. Some people tried to include more pounds but had to leave it by the side of the road or give it away. George was asked to be one of the hunters to supply the meat that would be needed as they crossed the plains because of his skill with guns.

Captain Ellsworth with 497 souls, 100 handcarts, 5 wagons and 5 oxen, finally left Iowa for the Florence Campground where there was another delay of 3 weeks to repair

the handcarts. The carts had been built of green wood and the drying of the wood caused the wood to split out and shrink.

The carts resembled those used by porters and street sweepers in the cities of the United States. They were constructed with little or no iron. The axles of many consisted of a single pole of hickory, without iron skeins. Some of the wheels were hooped with thin iron tires, others were not. The open handcart was made of Iowa hickory or oak. The shafts and side pieces of the same material. In length, the side pieces and shafts were about six or seven feet, with three or four binding cross bars from the back part to the fore part of the body of the cart. Then two or three feet space from the latter bar to the front bar or single tree for the lead man or whoever pulled the cart.

They were in the usual width of the wide track wagon. Across the bars of the bed of the cart was generally sewed a strip of bed ticking or counter pane. On this wooden cart of a timberless axle, with about 2½ inch shoulder and 1 inch point, was often loaded 400 or 500 lbs. of flour, bedding, clothing, cooking utensils and a tent. The family cart which carried children was similar in size and construction except that it was made stronger with an iron axle. It was also surmounted by a small wagon box 3 or 4 feet long with side and end pieces about 8 inches high. There was also a cover for this cart.

Because of the 9 weeks delay - 6 in Iowa and 3 weeks in Florence, they were required to restock the provisions they had purchased to take them to the Valley. This required George to work and try to provide them with the additional supplies that they would need for the balance of the journey west.

George was a strong, healthy young man. He carried his wife over the rivers after first taking the cart over. Some of the sisters would wait for him to help them across. The tents they carried provided room for 20 persons. There was a captain assigned to each tent. It was his job to be sure that the tent was raised each night and that everyone was taken care of in his group. There were usually 4 carts for one tent. One cart in each tent group had a

cover so the babies could ride in that cart. The Hanson cart carried the babies for their unit. Those who pushed or walked by the carts did not dare leave the cart for fear of being left behind. After reaching camp in the evening, George was supposed to go out and hunt game for the use of those in his tent, but after pulling the cart all day, it was very difficult for him to fill this assignment, but he did his best. It soon began to tell on his health.

They saw many huge herds of buffalo but passed them by without any problems. They were very fortunate in that they were not bothered by the Indians either. Death was very much a part of their lives and several people died enroute to the Valley. One man had said that if he died, it would be because of insufficient food. He did die during the trek.

Quoting from Frances' journal, she says, "Day after day there was the same weary march of from 15 to 30 miles. No one can describe the journey, not even those who were members of that company. Nothing short of the power of the Lord and his overruling providence could have sustained the people. As for myself, I acknowledge the hand of the Lord over me and my husband and daughter that we lived to reach the place appointed for the gathering of the Lord's people."

At South Pass they faced a cold snow storm which was very bad for there was no firewood. Only green branches were available which the men would gather but they would not burn. The people were able to see the mountains a long time before they finally reached them. Each day they thought that they would surely reach them that night or at least the next day, but when night came, they looked just as far away only a little higher which was very discouraging for a tired, homesick group of pioneers. The wolves and coyotes followed them from one camp to another. The camp would arise early and assemble for prayers and then they would have breakfast which would usually consist of bread and tea. It wasn't long before their rations were very short. This contributed to sickness and loss of strength in the people. George was no longer able to carry his wife over



the rivers. It was about all he could do to pull the handcart and then hunt in the evenings.

Finally they reached the mountains and realized that even though their journey was nearing the end, they still had a most difficult part to cover. The mountains were rugged and high and the trail was not an easy one. Frances tells in her journal of how one day blurred into the next. One day, one hour at a time was all she could manage to think of. She remembered crossing one creek 17 times. She was impressed when they came to Echo Canyon with the way the sound would bounce off the cliffs. She learned that they would cross two mountains before they arrived. One was called Big Mountain and the other Little Mountain, but they all looked big to her. She was so very grateful when she learned that the journey was nearly over.

When they arrived in the Valley, they were met and welcomed by President Brigham Young and a brass band and company of lancers and citizens, but the saints were so worn out with the journey that they had a difficult time appreciating this kindness. President Young was so moved with pity that he blessed them and said they had earned their salvation. The company arrived in the Valley September 26, 1856. President Young had arranged for wagons to haul the people and their carts into the Valley, but George refused. He said he had made it this far, and he would finish his journey and he did.

Trials were still before them. They had no home, money or friends, but the Saints in the Valley took them in and fed them and took care of them until they were able to get work and find a place to live. George was able to get work helping on a farm and they moved into a dugout which they fixed up and where they lived for some time. Their first Christmas saw them with little food but during the day George was able to shoot a rabbit and they felt very blessed. It was here that their next child was born during the winter with snow coming in the window.

They both remained active in the church and community but always gave thanks for being led to the Valley.



Standing L to R: Ray Somers, Nat. Pres. Everett Call, Carl Larson, Rodney Sorensen. Seated L to R: Clyde Stewart, Ken Roe, Dean Haslem, Karlo Mustonen, Stuart Richards.

## Temple Fork SUP Chapter

December 17, 1987 - the Temple Fork Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers held their annual Christmas social in the Walnut Room of the Taggart Student Center on the campus of Utah State University.

Special guests at this occasion were National President and Mrs. Everett Call.

Dinner was served to some seventy persons and also Santa Claus made his annual visit. The Gavel of Leadership for 1988 was transferred from Kenneth V. Roe to Dean W. Haslem.

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## Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter Initiates An Optimistic New Year Report on Church Growth

by Larry A. Eggett

Members of the Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter and their wives enjoyed a thrilling program and wonderful food at the Christmas luncheon held December 9th at the Lion House. Mike Webb, a local LDS recording artist and composer, presented the program. He favored us with several original musical numbers, and briefly spoke about the messages contained in each song. The songs dealt with different facets of the Savior's life and our responsibility to follow Him. We welcomed Charles Barlow, our 1987 area vice president, and Larry Epperson, our 1988 area vice president.

Our first luncheon of the new year was held at the Lion House on January 13th. J. Malan Heslop, editor of the Deseret News and former editor of the Church News, was our guest speaker on this occasion. He spoke on the dynamic growth of the Church. He said that since the very beginning, which was marked by a Heavenly vision, up until the present time, the Church has had an exciting existence, and that the years ahead will be no less exciting.

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## D.U.P. Offers An Opportunity For Your Store of Pioneer and Western History

by *Diana Coonrad*  
3rd Vice President, DUP

During the month of April the National Company of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers is offering to our members and the general public a series of lectures and demonstrations on a variety of subjects. These programs will be held in the Lecture Room at the Pioneer Memorial Museum, 300 N. Main, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Due to the limited seating capacity we would ask that you make your reservations well in advance to insure that your group has adequate seating. Other lectures on other subjects will be offered at a later date.

As Chapter President you may wish to bring with the idea in mind of using these programs to your board for special occasions in your chapter. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to add to your store of Pioneer and Western history. All lectures will be held on Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

The schedule is as follows:

April 6-Carl Hatfield is showing his collection of old photographs and phonograph cylinders. He plays them for his audience and shows other artifacts from his collection.

April 13-Scott Wangsgaard

## Informed Voting Options Through Education— How To Vote Intelligently

by *Everett H. Call*  
National President

I would like to inform our SUP members and their families of a very exciting computer software program that has been developed by two researchers at the University of Utah to help voters select candidates for elections.

As a way of testing the new computer software, the inventors of the program took a random sample of

is showing his collection of 700 separate pieces of Barbed Wire, each of which has its own story of the taming of the wild west.

April 20-Inis Stanton will share with her audience her vast collection of porcelain dolls and the history of all the major porcelain doll manufacturers.

April 27-Clara Seaton comes to us from the Weavers Guild. She will demonstrate spinning and weaving techniques using natural fibers found in Old Deseret.

In the month of June we are offering a series of Brown Bag Lectures in the Lecture Room from 12:10 to 12:40 p.m. Subjects to be covered are:

June 1-Museum Treasures-Edith Menna

June 8-Military Influence in the Salt Lake Valley-Beverly Price

June 15-Rescue of Willey & Martin Handcart Co.

June 22-Keep Your Journal-Diana Coonrad

June 29-Pioneers: Museums and Memories-Louise Green  
Bring a sack lunch and join us!

To make reservations for any of the lectures or programs call the Pioneer Memorial Museum, Monday thru Friday at 538-1050. Space will be filled on a first-come basis.

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voters in the Salt Lake area who were asked to fill out a detailed questionnaire giving their positions on a series of political issues and to indicate which of these issues were most important. Various candidates in the November 1986 election were also asked to state their positions and priorities on the same issues. Over 80 percent of the voters on this test indicated that if the responses from the candidates had been available before the election, they would have changed their vote in at least three of the ten races evaluated. The responses were electrifying. Most said the information would have been invaluable if it had been available, and they specifically asked if such information might be available for the 1988 presidential elections.

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## From the National Office We Need Your Officers List and Membership List

We are very pleased at the way the chapters have responded to our requests for information this year. However, there are still several chapters who have not sent in a list of their officers for the 1988 year. It really is very important that we have a list of the officers of each chapter plus their telephone number and address. It is also necessary that we have the name of the committee that your board member is chairman of. PLEASE HELP US NOW by sending in your officer list immediately.

We also still have some chapters who have not sent in their list of Chapter members. We need an annual update on names and telephones and addresses -- particularly the addresses because we are having magazines returned to us because of incorrect addresses.

*Join in the fun, sign up and  
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*Benyamim Tsedaka's family: (right to left) Shira (11½), Benyamim, Ro'ai (1½), Efrat (4½), Ratson (12½) and Miryam.*

SUP National President Everett Call, cooperating with International Cultural Exchange Foundation, will host an open house between 6 & 9 p.m. Sunday, April 3rd at the S.U.P. Headquarters honoring Samaritan Leader, Benyamim Tsedaka and his wife Miryam, from Holon, Israel.

This will be a great evening of informal cultural sharing. Everyone is invited to come at their convenient time. More details will be supplied later.



*Pete Harmon and Everett Call*

## Influence of Ute Rangers Lives On!

The Ute Rangers, a mounted group of Utah horsemen, may have been disbanded in 1983, but their good influence won't die. Prominent Utah Restaurateur, Pete Harmon, a friend of the Rangers, commissioned artist Lynn Fausett to paint a mural of the Rangers. The painting was then donated to the Sons of Utah Pioneers and hangs in

*Photography by Garry Bryant*

Pioneer Hall at the National Headquarters Building.

But this is not all. Harmon has produced a postcard size reproduction of the mural, and has donated this to SUP for use as a fund-raising token.

The artist has produced a remarkable likeness of the individual members of the Rangers, and of their horses. This is a tremendous undertaking for a group the size of the Rangers. Real good never dies.



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## Settlement Canyon Chapter Marks Trek To Fascinating Area

*Reported by Chester Dean*

Settlement Canyon Chapter S.U.P. at campground Great Basin Park (Lehman Cave) 24 June 1987.

Route taken was U-36 to Delta, Utah. Orin Miller, tour guide, gave history of the Beryllium Mine and Smelter. He also gave history of the large power plant north of Delta, Utah. After a brief break at the park in Delta we proceeded west on Hwy. 50-6 to Lehman Cave. Enroute Chorister Florence McBride led us in a community sing.

Lehman Cave has some of the most beautiful stalactites. The cave is well illuminated. It was a pleasant experience.

The next stop was the Railroad Museum in Ely, Nevada. The overnight stop was at the Silversmith Hotel in Wendover, Nevada.

The first stop on June 25, 1987 was Danger Cave. There, archeologists have excavated fire pits that were radio-carbondated 12,200 years old. The cave was used by the Archic Indians. They were the first people in Utah.

The next stop was the Skull Valley Ranch on the Dugway road fifteen miles south of I-80. This ranch is the site of the Hawaiian colony of Iosepa, 1889-1917.

The next stop was the Donna Reed Museum on West Park St., Grantsville, Utah.

The 37 tourists shown in the photograph enjoyed the trip very much.

**PIONEER DEADLINE**  
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## How Old Were The Pioneers? SUP Pioneer Library

*by Francis M. Partridge, Librarian*

The leaders of the PIONEERS entering the Salt Lake Valley had an average age of 35 years. The oldest, Brigham Young and Heber C. Kimball were 46 years of age. The pioneers were mostly younger men who could carry out the responsibilities of leading and serving their fellowmen.

We should strive to recruit younger men to be members of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. Do you have a son, grandson or neighbor who would like to become a member? We should seek for projects to serve our fellowmen. Worthwhile goals and activities will make our organization inviting to young families.

If we will each take the responsibility of getting **one** new young member this year we will double our

membership and reduce our average age. **Will you accept this Challenge?**

Interesting new books are being received into your LIBRARY. One is a volume of humorous poetry written by E. W. Crocker. The title is "LYRICS OF A YANKEE MINSTREL." Another new acquisition is "History of Granite School District, 1904-1976" by Marie Gooderham which includes pictures and histories of many old school buildings.

An outstanding example of a personal history is an autobiography of Dr. Knight B. Kerr, one of our SUP members. It tells of his family, his school days, his French Mission experience and his military service. He tells of his experiences as Principal of West High School during the troublesome 1960's.

Other interesting books received include: Bancroft's "History of Utah", which was donated by Robert E. Jones as a result of the list of needed books in our January-February issue; "Stalwarts South of the Border"-A history of the Mormon Colonies in Mexico; "Histories Greatest Headlines"-Copies of newspaper front pages; and "Pioneer Grist Mill" in Willard, Utah.

Other historical materials have been received from Maydene Brown Bodell, Betty R. L. Murdock, Willamelia Barton, J. Smith Decker, Orrin P. Miller, Lewis B. Murdock, Union Fort Chapter, Francis M. Partridge, Rosalie Johnson Olsen, and Rowland P. Corry.

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## Interesting Personalities Among the SUP-- Jesse Smith Decker

Jesse Smith Decker is one of the stalwart members of the Sons of Utah Pioneers, a prominent leader of the Mesa, Arizona Chapter. His story is worthy of publication, and of readers' attention.

He was born in Taylor, Arizona April 10, 1908, the sixth of ten children in the family. His mother named him Jesse Smith Decker, but called him "Smith" because he looked like his grandpa Smith. "There are already too many Jesse's in the family," she said.

He started to school in Taylor--town of his birth--but after one-half year his family moved to a farm and cattle ranch halfway between Taylor and Heber, still in Arizona.

The front room of their ranch home became the elementary school house for the area. There he spent his first 8 years of schooling. There were no electric lights, kerosene lamps only, and wooden benches, a make-shift blackboard, few text books, and a few ranchers' children, squirming on their seats but hungry for knowledge.

Those were the days when country kids "graduated" from the 8th grade because that was all the grades they taught. Smith "graduated" here in the front room of his own home in 1922.

But his hunger for knowledge was not satisfied then. Four years later he graduated again from Snowflake Union High School. "Snowflake!"

There were few of them in that dry, Arizona country.

The "hunger" would not go away! Smith spent four years at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. He now had a degree in Agronomy, a strengthening of his rancher's country blood. For a "minor" field of study he selected chemistry because it fascinated him.

He received another degree while at BYU, the degree of "husband." He knelt across the altar on September 1, 1933 in the Salt Lake Temple while David O. McKay married him to classmate Helen Ellsworth. Now, he had a responsibility to match his endless ambition.

He worked in the mining industry in Golden, Colorado, his wife's home State, and attended Colorado School of Mines in his spare time. He now had a teaching certificate, not only in Agronomy, but also in chemistry, physics and general science.

His old school, Union High in Arizona, hired him to teach general science. He was there from 1936 to 1946, ten years.

The hunger for knowledge and progress was never stilled. By attending summer sessions he received his Masters' Degree in soil chemistry from Iowa State College.

In 1946, he left his profession and growing family to accept an assignment for a short-term mission for his (LDS) Church. Upon his release from that assignment, he was offered a teaching assignment at

Phoenix College, where he was retained for 27 years--a devoted, loving teacher and professor.

To support his family he took short-term teaching assignments at several colleges, including Phoenix College (in summer), BYU, Oakridge National Laboratory, and a stint as research chemist at Motorola corporation. He taught a year at BYU Branch University in Laie, Oahu, Hawaii.

He has been a member of many professional and honorary societies, and civic organizations. He never neglected his family duties, nor his political ones. For many years he was a Deputy Registrar of Voters for Maricopa County, Arizona, and always active in local politics.

One might truthfully say, he was a "whole man," with broad interests, a good citizen.

He and Helen have reared seven children, all successful citizens like their parents. They have 41 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Helen, lovely wife and mother, died last year, May 14, 1987. The Patriarch, Jesse Smith Decker, carries on: constant, faithful, stalwart father, grandfather, great grandfather!

Always an active member of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. We other "Sons" salute you, Smith Decker!

We congratulate you on the many successful milestones you have passed on the road upward. We are proud to call you "brother."

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Thomas S. Monson

## Great Evening! Pres. Monson presents Christmas Message to Salt Lake City Chapter

by Bertram T. Willis, Secretary

President Thomas S. Monson, Second Counselor in the First Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was elected an honorary Life Member of SUP in the Salt Lake City Chapter on December 3, 1987. He responded by recalling interesting excerpts from his pioneer ancestry and his growing up in the Salt Lake 6th Ward "between the tracks".

In August 1927 a new bishop came to the Sixth Ward, his mother was told. She responded that another new bishop had also come, referring to the recent birth of her son Tommy, who was ordained bishop twenty-two years later.

He told of his happiest Christmases as a child of nine when he gave his prized train tank car to a neighbor boy; and as a bishop when his ward leaders prepared an apartment for a destitute immigrant family, and the youths brought presents for the bewildered newcomers who had arrived just two days before Christmas.

The following officers for Salt Lake City Chapter, SUP, for 1988 were elected at the dinner meeting held December 3, 1987: President, M. Dell Madsen; President-elect, Rees W. Bandle; 2nd Vice President, Allen E. Roden; Secretary, Bertram T. Willis; Treasurer, George W. Fowler, Jr.; and Past President, Eldred G. Smith.

Board members of the Salt Lake City Chapter are: Joseph T. Lindsey, Elden McEntire, Clark Young,

Russell Nichols, Seth W. Pixton, Preston W. Parkinson, Ray H. Barton, Mark B. Nichols, Hollis A. Hunt, and J. Howard Dunn.

On January 7, 1988 President W. Herbert Klopfer of Salt Lake Eagle Gate Stake spoke to the Salt Lake City Chapter on "The Ten Miracles of the U.S. Constitution." Having lived under Nazi, Communist, and U.S. governments, he is especially grateful for the miracles that occurred 200 years ago. He listed the "ten miracles" as follows:

1. The Convention finally took place after a fourteen day delay, for lack of quorum.
2. The colonies were represented by their best men.
3. Most delegates had to borrow for convention costs.
4. George Washington attended despite several family illnesses.
5. During the second month prospects for success were extremely doubtful.
6. Despite strong army pressure, delegates chose to have no monarchy.
7. Delegates endured severe physical discomfort of a hot summer, high humidity and sealed windows for secrecy.
8. After bitter debates and Benjamin Franklin's appeal for daily prayers, the spirit of peace and compromise started to prevail.
9. In signing, delegates became supporters.
10. All thirteen states eventually ratified despite strong opposition of special interests.

It was an instructive and inspiring evening.

## Canyon Rim Chapter News

The Canyon Rim Chapter kicked-off the new year with a Valentine theme at their first meeting held February 11th at the Headquarters Building. In charge were the newly elected officers. Newly elected president Richard W. Jackson presented a short history concerning his great grandfather John Mills Woolley. It included data about his mission to New England, his courtship and marriage to Maria Dewey of Westfield, Massachusetts and his coming to The Valley in 1847.

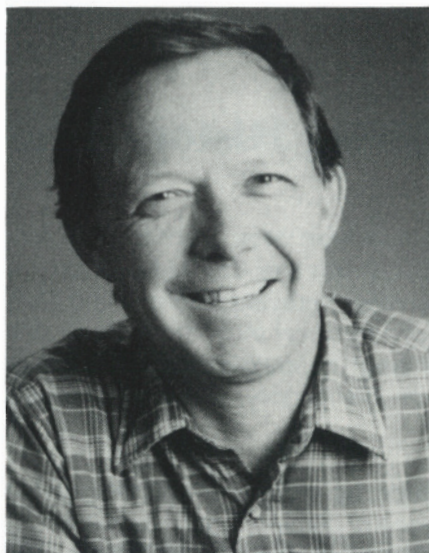
Music for the occasion was furnished by the assembled sons and their wives who sang love songs from when they were young, directed by Paul Pugh and accompanied by Hazel Jackson.

Eric Henrichsen followed the singing with an interesting story about his great grandfather who established a pioneer clay pottery industry in Utah Valley and his grandfather who perpetuated the business until it was closed in the late 1920's. He explained the differences between the processes of the trade as developed by converts from England and Denmark and why the process of the Danes succeeded and survived whereas that of the British did not.



Members of Canyon Rim Chapter Board. Standing L to R: Jack Graham, Treas.; Robert Wursten, Treks; Clyde Hansen; Philip Clinger, Hist.; Paul Pugh, Awards. Seated: Max Wheelwright, Hist. Research; Glen Harris, Pres.-elect; Richard Jackson, Pres.; Robert Graham, Past Pres.; Wayne Hartle. Not present: Kay Schwendiman, Publicity.





Dean L. May

## "U" Professor Publishes Utah History Book

Dean L. May, Associate Professor of History at the University of Utah, has recently published a book entitled *Utah: a People's History*. He has presented an autographed copy to the SUP National Library. Copies may be obtained from the University of Utah Press. A companion television series is being aired over KUED. The book, plus the TV series, are an important contribution to Utah's history.

Professor May, whose photograph appears above, was honored at a publication ceremony on Monday, December 21st, 1987 at the Olpin Union Building on campus.

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## Chapter Eternal

### Lothaire Rogers Rich

Lothaire Rogers Rich, 78, a member of and Past President of the East Mill Creek Chapter of SUP, died February 10, 1988. He was a lawyer by profession and held many positions of a professional and civic nature including Mayor and Justice of the Peace of South Salt Lake. He was active in the Lions Club and held offices as President and District Governor of that organization. An active member, he held many Church offices including in the Bishopric, Stake Presidency, and as a Temple Worker. He is survived by his wife, Ruth, two sons, one daughter, 19 grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren.

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### Norman Lyle Bringham

Norman Lyle Bringham, Life Member of the Hurricane Valley Chapter and descendant of colonizers of Toquerville, Utah, died February 14, 1988 at the age of 56 at his home in Hurricane. He served 28 years in the U.S. Air Force and retired as a Lt. Colonel. He served many years as a L.D.S. Stake Financial Clerk. He was a member of the American Legion Post 100 and was buried February 18 with full military rites in the Hurricane City Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, LaVerna, 4 sons, 1 daughter and 10 grandchildren. Norman's grandparents were pioneers of Hurricane in 1906 when it was colonized.

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### Vive Les Girls!!

### Murray Chapter Honors Wives with Festive Dinner

by Willard S. Brown, Director

On December 17, 1987, the Murray Chapter held their last dinner of the year and business meeting with a gala primer dinner and entertainment by the Olympus Male Chorus (with two female accompanists).

It was a very festive occasion and the final meeting of the year for our outgoing President Curtis O. Hadlock. It also brought to mind again what importance the wives of the members play in the success of such affairs: the moral support, plus the good cooking and decorating, and the general enjoyment of our meetings and other activities. The wives deserve our heartfelt thanks and admiration, which we often withhold and take for granted. Thank Heaven for fine wives -- without them what would SUP members do?

### Ralph D. Baker

Dr. Ralph D. Baker, a Life Member of the Salt Lake Chapter of SUP, died December 1, 1987, at the age of 80 after a longtime, lingering illness. His daughter, Mary Ann B. Kleinert, affectionately reports his death with these words, "... his sight was failing and he enjoyed having me read articles from the Pioneer to him. He remembered with fondness his many years as a member of the SUP ...". He was a general contractor by profession. He was active in the LDS Church, served two missions and was an High Priest. He is survived by his wife, Lenore, by four children, 58 grandchildren and 58 great grandchildren.

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### Russell Stocking

Russell Stocking, age 77, a member of the Temple Quarry Chapter, died August 6, 1987. He was noted in the Chapter as a planner and researcher for historical markers. He wrote and published the Welby Town History Book. He was an active High Priest in the LDS Church. He was a retired representative of the Fuller Paint Company. He is survived by his wife, Eva of Midvale. He is also survived by two daughters, six grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

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### Clarence J. Curtis

Clarence J. Curtis, age 73, a member of the Olympus Hills Chapter, died December 23, 1987. Recently, he was a volunteer worker in the Food Drive, in which his chapter participated. He was a retired Civil Engineer of the United States Defense Dept. He was an active member of the LDS Church, having been a Bishop, Stake President and Temple Worker. He is survived by his wife, Alice, two daughters, one son, ten grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

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### James Ivo Christensen

James Ivo Christensen, a Life Member of the Settlement Canyon Chapter, died December 1, 1987. He was an active High Priest, served in a Bishopric and on a High Council. He was a member of the Tooele City Council. Preceded in death by his wife Mildred. Survived by his second wife, Barbara, whom he married in 1983. He is also survived by a daughter, two sons, two stepsons, a stepdaughter, twenty-three grandchildren and seventeen great grandchildren.

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